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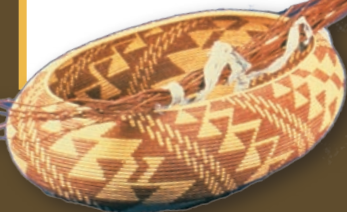
## CIHC Land Deal Approved

**O**n June 18, 2008 the West Sacramento City Council unanimously approved an agreement with California State Parks for the development of the California Indian Heritage Center (CIHC) and State park in West Sacramento.

The East Riverfront Property, a 43 acre site, is located along the confluence of the American and Sacramento Rivers. Phase 1 of the project is estimated to be completed by 2016 at a cost of \$50 million.

The proposed CIHC facility will include a library, archives, Tribal Treasures, exhibits, resident artist space, offices, classrooms, a café, museum store, amphitheater, event space, indigenous gardens, trails and public access to the Sacramento River. The location is set in a natural landscape, where all people can learn about and honor the past, present and future of California Indian people and their culture.

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# Greetings from the Task Force

**G**reetings from the California Indian Heritage Center Task Force! We have been busy since our last newsletter, and have some very exciting news to share. We entered into an agreement with the City of West Sacramento in order to proceed with planning for the CIHC. The land in West Sacramento is a beautiful 43 acre parcel facing the confluence of the Sacramento and American rivers. We are very excited about this opportunity and believe the local community and the CIHC will be excellent neighbors.



**Task Force Chairman  
Larry Myers**

The Task Force approved this agreement on August 25th in Sacramento. At this Task Force meeting, we heard about and commented on many other CIHC developments. Of primary importance is the continuation of our Core Advisors. This is a group of 7 individuals who represent the "California Indian Voice" for the project. I asked this group to stay on throughout our planning effort, and to be the primary sounding board for ideas and plans. We are also working with the City of West Sacramento to jointly create a "Community Advisory Group" who will also advise throughout the process on issues important to the local community.

We are preparing to kick off a renewed outreach program to help everyone learn more about the CIHC and our plans. The Outreach Program will include a multi-faceted approach to the California

Indian Community statewide, and to the local West Sacramento community. The Outreach Program will form the basis of input we receive for the development of a General Plan. Our project calendar calls for the General Plan to be complete by June 2010. Rob Wood, the CIHC project manager will lead the Outreach Program and General Plan effort.

Also kicking off this Fall will be the development of a Business Plan. Our consultants are a four-consultant team led by Economic Research Associates (ERA). The Business Plan includes four primary components:

- 1) financial feasibility analysis
- 2) governance and operations plan
- 3) fund development plan
- 4) marketing plan

We will look at the overall project from a financial perspective: what will it take to build the facility and how will



**Site tour with the Business Plan Group**

we operate it over the long term. We will take a close look at how governance and operations will be conducted: who hires staff, how do we blend the role of the CIHC Foundation and California State Parks, and answering questions such as how the current State Indian Museum will transition into this new operation. In terms of Fund Development, our consultant team will conduct interviews around the State to gain a better understanding of our ability to raise the funds and to highlight potential donors. Finally, we will be looking at how to brand and market the CIHC prior to opening. Catherine Taylor, our Capital District State Parks Superintendent, will lead the Business Plan effort.

It is an exciting time with a great deal of tangible work underway. I invite you and encourage you to get involved and help us make this project a reality!



**Task Force members tour the West Sacramento site**



# CIHC Project Progress Report

## Site and Facility Master Plan

The Site and Facility Master Plan consultant, EDAW Inc., completed the draft CIHC Master Plan. A core group of Indian advisors worked with State Parks throughout the Master Plan development process.

## Business Plan

The Task Force Selection Committee and State Parks selected ERA (Economic Resources Associates) of San Francisco to complete the Business Plan.

## California Indian License Plate Project

Joseph Arthur, of Tribal Point, developed the California Indian License Plate Project. The program is the first of its kind to provide a specialized California Indian license plate, showing an awareness and support for Native California Indian culture and history. The Department of Motor Vehicle Specialized License Plate Project requires 7,000 initial registration pledges and specific California legislation. The program will be available to the public in 2010. The proceeds will benefit the CIHC development.

## Master Agreement Approved by the Task Force

The Task Force approved the Master Agreement to transfer the 43 acre East Riverfront Property from the City of West Sacramento to California State Parks. They also discussed the following items in their August meeting: the California Indian License Plate Project, the 41st Annual Native American Day, the General Plan, the planning and development process, the project team organization chart, and the latest project schedule. The Task Force also met the Business Plan consultants.

## CIHC Non-Profit Foundation Filing

CIHC incorporation documents were filed with the Secretary of State's Office. This is the first step to create the non-profit foundation. The bylaws and the 501(c)3 filing are next with the federal government.

## General Plan

Negotiations were started to hire a consulting firm to create the General Plan/Environmental Impact Report (GP/EIR). The GP/EIR analyzes information based on planning and policies, input received from the public, focus groups and various agencies and organizations through planned stakeholders and public involvement process.





# Tribal Treasures

In November of 2007, the California Arts Council (CAC) approached State Parks with the idea to collaborate on an exhibit which would be funded through a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). The theme for the grant is American Masterpieces and the intent is to fund exhibits highlighting the arts of each individual state; the CAC recognizes that California Indian basketry are masterpieces and are unique to the State. Therefore Parks and the CAC agreed to develop an exhibit of American Masterpieces using the basketry treasures of the CIHC.

The exhibit will open in March 2009 at the California Museum for History, Women and the Arts located in Sacramento and then it will travel to several other venues throughout the state. In addition to the actual basket exhibit, a second panel exhibit featuring photos and text focusing on the CIHC baskets will also travel under the CAC and American Masterpieces auspices. This



**Assorted caps from the Tribal Treasures**

exhibit will be made available for smaller locations like tribal halls, libraries, smaller museums, historical centers and cultural centers; venues that may have their own basketry treasures but cannot handle a full exhibit. Both of these exhibits will be the first introduction for many people, into the rich tradition and diversity of California Indian basketry. It will also provide an opportunity for the Tribal Treasures of the CIHC to reach a wider Native audience since most of these baskets have never been exhibited or published. Brian Bibby is the guest curator for this show; as of this writing, collaborators have included Sherrie Smith-Ferri (Pomo), Frank La Pena (Wintun), Justin Farmer (Ipai), Kathy Wallace (Hupa) and Margaret Montgomery (Achumawi).

The California State Railroad Museum has approached the CIHC in helping with the exhibit "Aurelius O. Carpenter: Photographer of the Mendocino Frontier". Mr. Carpenter, in addition to being the father of famed California artist Grace Hudson, was an active photographer of Mendocino County in the late 19th and early 20th century. Along with photos of logging, the railways, and beautiful panoramic shots, Mr. Carpenter took an important body of photos which documented the local Pomo community. The Railroad Museum will be showing a few of these photos and has asked the CIHC to develop a portion of the exhibit which will focus on photos featuring Pomo individuals. This exhibit will be on display at the California State Railroad Museum from September 21, 2008 until January 25, 2009.

If you would like to arrange a tour of the Tribal Treasures and/or State Indian Museum please contact Ileana Maestas at [imaestas@parks.ca.gov](mailto:imaestas@parks.ca.gov) (916) 324-8043.



**American Masterpieces exhibit consultants Brian Bibby and Kathy Wallace examining a basket cap from our collection**



**Margaret Montgomery sharing one of her baskets**



# Public Outreach Meetings Begin This Fall

We will officially begin CIHC public outreach efforts this fall. Rob Wood, the CIHC project manager, is leading a team of consultants and staff to various locations throughout California to meet with the Indian community and key stakeholders in the local community.

The outreach program will bring information about the CIHC project to all of California's Indian communities and other interested groups. Through public outreach meetings, everyone has an opportunity to share their ideas and concerns directly with the CIHC project team. Public outreach also provides a way to share information about timelines, design, construction and progress updates. It is a great communication vehicle for the California Indian community to help formulate exhibits and interpretive programming ideas for the CIHC.

One of the key messages for the initial outreach will share information about an important marketing opportunity, the California Indian License Plate program. This is a key fundraising program. You can read more about the program in this edition of the newsletter.

Please watch [www.CIHC.parks.ca.gov](http://www.CIHC.parks.ca.gov) for details about outreach meetings in your area. We invite you to attend these meetings to share your ideas about the development.



Rob Wood is sharing details of the Outreach Program

## CIHC Land Deal Approved (continued from Page 1)

"The West Sacramento site is a place of significance to California Indian people. This beautiful and distinctive location will honor our heritage by placing the CIHC within California's State Capital region. We are honored to partner with the City of West Sacramento, California State Parks and the California Indian community on this exciting opportunity to create a home befitting the important contribution of California

Indian culture to our state", explained Larry Myers, chairman of the California Indian Heritage Task Force and Foundation.

The CIHC represents a collaborative partnership among the CIHC Task Force, California State Parks, the Native American Heritage Commission, California Indian people, the City of West Sacramento, the City and County of Sacramento and the CIHC Foundation.



## State Indian Museum will Transition to the CIHC

The California State Indian Museum, located at 26th and K Streets in Sacramento, has been a community landmark since 1940. In 1947 it became part of the network of parks operated by the State of California, and is supported by the nonprofit Sacramento Historic Sites Association. We are honored to exhibit a collection that includes traditional basketry, beadwork, ceremonial regalia and hunting & fishing artifacts associated with many of the tribes of California, as well as contemporary artwork by renowned Nisenan Maidu artist Harry Fonseca. Visited by students, local residents and tourists of all ages, the museum strives to provide educational opportunities and works with the Native community to celebrate the culture and heritage of California's Native peoples. The State Indian Museum will transition to the new CIHC location.



State Indian Museum circa 1950's

## State Indian Museum Remodel is Complete

The California State Parks' maintenance team recently completed a remodel project at the State Indian Museum (SIM). The museum entry and gift shop is now larger, allowing more counter space and room to showcase more

merchandise. Suitable office space has also been developed to support SIM operations and CIHC development. In addition to the visible improvements, we made some behind-the-scenes changes like remodeling our break room, library and turning the old video room and gallery into a gallery and conference/training room.

The perimeter fence replacement project is now complete. Since the area was archaeologically sensitive, the project included archaeological testing for the areas where posts would be placed. Both Native American and archaeological monitoring were components of the project. The United Auburn Indian Community provided Native American monitoring services for the project.

Come visit us at 2618 K Street, Sacramento, CA 95816



Newly remodeled museum entry space

[www.parks.ca.gov/indianmuseum](http://www.parks.ca.gov/indianmuseum)



# CIHC Project Calendar

November 2008 - Ceremonial Dedication of Land in West Sacramento, CA  
 General Plan 1st Public Meeting (Planning Update, CEQA Scoping)  
 February - March 2009 - General Plan Preparation of Preferred Alternatives  
 March 2009 - General Plan 2nd Public Meeting/Planning Workshop (Present and discuss alternatives)

see [www.CIHC.parks.ca.gov](http://www.CIHC.parks.ca.gov) for further details

## September

- August 31 - September 28- **Annual Chaw'se Invitational Native American Art Show.** Chaw'se Regional Indian Museum, Pine Grove, CA.
- September 26 - **41st Annual California Native American Day.** California State Capitol North Steps, Sacramento, CA
- September 27 & 28 - **Chaw'se Big Time.** Indian Grinding Rock State Historic Park, Pine Grove, CA.

## October

- October 2-4 - **California Indian Conference.** UC Riverside, Palm Desert, CA.
- October 4 - **12th Annual Ancestors Walk.** Panhe, San Clemente, CA.
- October 4 - **Maidu Indian Day.** Effie Yeaw Center, Carmichael, CA.
- October 18 - **Acorn Day.** State Indian Museum, Sacramento, CA.
- October 11 - **Dinner in the Canyons.** Agua Caliente Cultural Museum, Andreas Canyon, Palm Springs, CA.

## November

- November - **National American Indian Heritage Month.**
- November 7-15 - **33rd Annual American Indian Film Festival.** San Francisco, CA.
- November 28 & 29 - **Arts & Craft Fair.** State Indian Museum, Sacramento, CA.

## December

- Exhibits shown through December - **A Tribute to Lilly Baker & Discovery, Devastation, Survival: California Indians and the Gold Rush.** Maidu Interpretive Center, Roseville, CA.

## January 2009

- Exhibit shown Through January 2009 - **Story of Weave.** Marin Museum of the American Indian, Marin, CA.



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